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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.